Central Forest Colleges

4520. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Central Forest Colleges or Research Institutions in various states, particularly in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of Govt. of India at present.

Tigers and Leopards

5421. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tigers and leopards died in forests during each of the last three years, State-wise particularly in Karnataka; and

(b) the number of radio collared tigers and leopards died during the above period; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) During the period 6.3.90 to 25.2.92. 9 tigers and 4 leopards were reported to have died in the Nagarahole National Park, Karnataka. Causes of the above cases of death are reported to be old age, injuries and fights among themselves, as revealed during post mortem. In case of two leopards, there was evidence of death having been caused by gun shorts and snaring. Of the above, one tiger and two leopards were previously radio collared as part of the research project 'Ecology and management of large carnivores' being conducted at the Park.

Short Term Courses on Nehru and Gandhi Studies'

5422. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore University has sent proposals to the Union Government to start short-term courses on Nehru and Gandhian Studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of assistance sought; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). UGC provides financial assistance to Universities for various programmes of Gandhian Studies and strengthening of Gandhi Bhavans. According to the information furnished by UGC, Bangalore University had submitted a proposal to the Commission in November, 1987 for setting up a Centre for Gandhian and Vivekananda Studies with a view to propagating Gandhian philosophy and teachings of Swami Vivekananda through the existing Gandhi Bhavan. The main aim of the proposal is to organise weekend orientation courses for students, teachers and general public, and crash